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## ABLE MEDAL OFFERED

## THE TIMES-HERALD WANTS BIG MEMBERSHIP QUICK.

## Clark Fair Association Desires to Participate in Collecting our Specimens for Exhibit.

The Executive Board of the Lewis and Clark Fair Association this week mailed out in the neighborhood of 1000 circular letters to various parts of the county urging the people to join the association and to help in the work of securing and displaying a large number of specimens for the fair.

It is very important that the people make it one of the most attractive county exhibits at the fair. The fair has the active co-operation of the people through the assistance of the people through the country. The men who have worked into the work so actively do not visit the various sections in person and secure specimens for display. They are not doing any work for any compensation, for they do not get any pay, but through their public spirit and interest in developing our county.

They deserve the hearty support of every citizen of Harney County. They expect it. They are no less interested than hundreds of others and therefore should not be neglected to do it all.

The secretary of the Association has also sent a membership roll to the postoffices in the county where all may sign as active members. This is done for the purpose of securing as large a working force as possible in each community. Work has been planned for every man, woman and child, so that all may share in the credit of Harney County's display at the Lewis and Clark Fair. If all perform their duty no citizen of the benighted wilderness (so considered by the outside world) will feel ashamed of, and when they visit the fair and mingle with the vast throng of sightseers they may feel proud and say "We're from Harney county! That's our space right there."

The Times-Herald does not believe in bribing people to assist in this work, but has decided on one thing to help along the membership. This great religious weekly will give a handsome prize medal to the postmaster that secures the most members at any postoffice outside of Burns and forwards the list to the secretary by March 10. This medal will be no "snide" affair but of the best material of its kind to be had. It will be made from the finest polished piece of leather to be found in Hopkins & Garrett's saddle shop and be artistically inscribed with bronze letters. This medal will likely cost a big sum (?) but the great religious won't stop for expense even if it is 35 or 40 cents.

Now any postmaster or postmistress as the case may be, in the county ought to be proud to possess such a souvenir won in such a good cause, and it is therefore expected a grand rush will be made to get the lists by the date given.

But in all seriousness this is a matter that should appeal to all who want to advance the development of this county. The bureau of natural history should have immediate attention as the taxidermists is now in this city, and his work should be carried on without interruption. He comes highly recommended and everything point to one of the most magnificent displays of game birds and animals ever collected from one county. These specimens must be collected at once—get your gun.

The work of the other bureaus is not so urgent at this time, but are nevertheless just as important. More suitable weather for the gathering of accessions to these bureaus will come later in the season.

**STATE TO OWN ALL WATER RIGHTS**  
Such is Contention of Memorial Sent To Congress by Legislature.

Memorializing Congress to cede to the state of Oregon all public

water rights, a memorial was reported favorably to the House by the committee on resolutions in accord with the requisition of a special committee appointed by the Speaker to pass on a resolution introduced by Killingsworth, of Multnomah, the purpose of which was to procure title by the state to all water rights within Government reserves. The committee on water rights, as appointed, is composed of Killingsworth, Hermann, Colwell, Richie and Smith of Josephine. Following is the memorial reported by the committee on resolutions:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America—Your memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Oregon, respectfully represent:

"That the State of Oregon is desirous of controlling the water powers within its boundaries, in accordance with a doctrine of the beneficial use of the same, to furnish water and electric power to its citizens, and for other commercial purposes, and for the purpose of wholly controlling the same and preventing private interests from securing valuable water powers for speculative purposes, and

"Whereas, Along many mountain streams and along the sources thereof the riparian rights and title to the land is in the United States, and said streams furnish large water power.

"Your memorialists respectfully request your honorable bodies to cede to the state of Oregon all water powers within the state with sufficient land adjoining the same for the control, development and utilization thereof."

A favorable report was also returned on Senator Brownell's resolution petitioning Congress to increase the pensions of Indian War Veterans to \$12 a month, and allowing them to take up 160 acres of land.

Dr. E. M. Clark and Miss Vera Adams were married Friday forenoon by Rev. Dr. J. Whitcomb Brounger at the home of the clergyman. They departed Saturday night for eastern Oregon. Miss Adams had been in Oregon since September, where she came from New York city. She is highly accomplished and has won many friends since coming to Portland. A year ago she toured the orient, and spent some time in Yokohama. Dr. Clark has been in this state for five years, a resident of Ontario, Malheur county.—Portland Journal.

**Victory White Bronze Monuments.**  
The local agent, M. L. Lewis, has just received notice from the Monumental Bronze Co. of Bridgeport, Conn. that White Bronze has been awarded two medals, viz: Class No 194, Art Work in Zinc and class No 220 Marble, Stone and Metal Monuments.

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## FINAL ACTION IS HELD UP

## INDICTMENTS IN THE LAND FRAUDS HANG FIRE.

## Federal Grand Jury Cannot Act in Many Cases Until Links of Evidence are Completed—The Evidence.

The Federal grand jury took an afternoon off yesterday, adjourning at noon until Monday morning at 10 o'clock, at which time it will once more begin on the investigations now drawing to a close, for this term, at least, says the Sunday Oregonian.

It is thought that more indictments were voted upon yesterday morning during the short session of the jury, and if this is the case the returns will be made to the court when Judge Bellinger appears at the courtroom Monday.

It is doubtful now whether or not the jury will be able to adjourn by the end of the week, and it is very possible that another week will be well gone before the investigations are brought to a close and the jurors returned to their homes. The evidence and primary work of voting the indictments can be finished by the middle or at the latest by the end of the week, but the work of drawing the documents will take several days longer.

As it now seems there are a great many indictments which are hanging fire owing to the lack of one or two witnesses who are to be brought in during the course of the week. Until these men have been before the jury and have completed the chain of evidences in the cases pending, it will not be possible to vote any of the indictments, though it may be taken as a certainty that the documents will be returned at the end.

It is in this case, it appears, that is holding many indictments back for a time, and until all witnesses have been examined, no indictments can be returned. It is thought, however, that Mr. Heney will be able to finish his part of the work by the latter part of the week, when Mr. Pagin will take the cases as they are submitted to him and draw the indictments. It may be that this work cannot be finished before the end of the coming week, but when it is finished it is said the jury will adjourn, and Mr. Heney will leave Portland for his home at San Francisco.

As soon as Mr. Pagin has drawn the indictments he will leave for Washington. The other Government employes who are here assisting Mr. Heney will also leave the city, and the land fraud situation will remain quiet in the public mind until the court convenes on April 10.

Now that the investigations are drawing to a close and the day of the first trial is coming closer, there is a great deal of speculation as to which of the many cases will be first set for consideration by the court. It is the general opinion that since Senator Mitchell is the central figure in the investigations as far as they have at present gone he will in all probability be the first to come to trial. The Senator has recently expressed a desire for a speedy trial, and this has not appeared to be contrary to the wishes of Mr. Heney, which circumstances taken into consideration further strengthens the belief that the senior Senator will be the first one to face the arraignment of the Government.

**SOME INSIDE HISTORY.**  
In giving some inside history of the land fraud cases, the Portland Journal in a recent issue, published some rather pointed things which show the political significance of some of the deals. The article was referring particularly to some investigations being made in Eastern Oregon. One paragraph reads as follows:

"Developments may throw light upon the last congressional fight in district No. 1, merely incidental, of course, to the court proceedings, Congressman J. N. Williamson is held by Wheeler county settlers to

## be the staunch friends and obedient proteges of these big land companies.

Ex-Congressman Malcolm A. Moody was not and he sought to have their work investigated. Mr. Moody's friends allege that his arrest on the charge, which he easily disproved, followed quickly upon his effort to have this question inquired into. Certain it is that the big companies came out in ardent support of the Williamson candidacy in the primaries and county and district conventions."

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## AND JUDGE WEBSTER DON'T LIKE IT.

More opposition to the proposed irrigation code developed at a meeting of the committee on irrigation last night, says the Telegram. Judge L. R. Webster, of Portland, appeared and offered criticism of the measure on the ground that it is unconstitutional, for the reason that it destroys riparian rights. This sentiment was advanced by A. S. Hammond, of Grant's Pass who has already criticized the bill. T. H. Crawford, of Union, opposed the bill on the same ground as that stated by the others. In addition to the unconstitutional feature of the measure those opposing it argued that it provided for an expensive method of water control, and does not improve the present laws on the subject.

J. H. Hailey, secretary of the commission appointed to frame the bill, appeared in its defense, and Attorney-General Crawford supported the measure with the exception of certain features. Mr. Crawford recommended an amendment whereby the Water Commission proposed in the bill be eliminated, and the water master be made directly responsible to the Governor.

It now seems evident that several amendments will be made to the bill, among which will likely be that of taking the right of eminent domain out of the hands of private interests, and abolition of the proposed Water Commission, as suggested by the Attorney-General, and make the proposition of beneficial use, as defined in the bill more definite as to its application to the use of water.

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## LATE RAILROAD MOVEMENTS

## CORVALLIS & EASTERN CONTRACTS FOR TEN MILES.

## Plan to Build Across Mountains and Meet Western Pacific in Central Oregon Say Knowing Ones.

The Bend Bulletin of Feb. 3 gives the following under a Portland date:

From a source of undoubted authority it is learned that the Corvallis & Eastern railroad has completed arrangements for an advance of 10 miles in the Cascade mountains. The contract for this extension is already signed and the work will go forward as soon as spring opens.

It is not quite clear what this move of the Corvallis & Eastern means unless it is a step in the construction of a line to Bend. The extension will be entirely in the forest reserve, so there is no local traffic to be developed by it. The general understanding is that this 10-mile extension means an advance to Bend, perhaps this year, and eventually across the state.

This is followed by the further information that R. B. Mutzig, who returned last week from a seven-weeks visit in Pittsburg and Chicago—and didn't bring a bride—heard in Chicago of some railroad plans of interest in the Bend country. He got his information from prominent lumbermen having timber interests on the coast. It was to the effect that an option on the Corvallis & Eastern had been taken by a California syndicate. Though this option is yet to run to March 15 before being closed, so certain are the parties to take it that they have authorized arrangements for extension of the line. Presumably it is in pursuance of that authority that the 10-mile contract referred to in the foregoing Portland dispatch was made. A man named McCleary either has the contract or is acting for the contractor.

According to the story Mr. Mutzig brings the plan is to build the Corvallis & Eastern across the mountains and meet it in Central Oregon with the new Western Pacific, now on the way up from San Francisco. This is understood to be a Gould venture and will introduce a totally new influence into the Oregon railroad situation.

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